

## **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOW INCOME IDAHOANS**

**WHEREAS**, by providing insurance coverage for individuals and families with incomes between 0% and 100% of the federal poverty level, Idaho will see a significant positive economic impact in savings and tax revenue over ten years and an estimated 16,000 new jobs across all sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, providing coverage for low income Idahoans will provide a transformed system of healthcare delivery based on personal accountability for the eligible uninsured, 64% of whom are employed; and

**WHEREAS**, insurance coverage will ensure these individuals have access to appropriate levels of healthcare services in the most cost effective settings, to not only improve the quality of life for their families, but also reduce costs to the system; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of expanding insurance coverage in Idaho is to improve health status for all Idaho individuals, families, communities and workers; and

**WHEREAS**, providing insurance coverage to low income individuals and families will remove the tax burden to Idaho taxpayers for the nearly \$70 million annually that is currently being paid by the county indigent and state catastrophic care program; and

**WHEREAS**, expanded insurance coverage and subsequent repeal of the State of Idaho Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program (CAT) and the County Medically Indigent Statute will result in a projected savings of \$518,400,000 in State general funds and savings at the county level of \$478,100,000 between January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2024.<sup>1</sup>;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health supports providing insurance coverage to individuals and families whose incomes are between 0% and 100% of the federal poverty level in order to ensure access to health care with the most cost effective healthcare service delivery system.

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<sup>1</sup> Statement of Purpose, H0308; 2013 Idaho Legislative Session.